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## An 'F' for Fulbright

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The discussion led by Senator J. W. Fulbright, chairman of the foreign relations committee, on what other



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positions President Eisenhower could have taken other than assuming full responsibility for the U-2 incident, is certainly a strange one.

What the usually very keen gentleman from Arkansas is bemoaning is that it would have been better for Ike to have lied about the matter and

what concerns the important senator is just which lie would have been best to save face for the U. S. and its President.

If that idea had come from the later and infamous Mr. Goebbels, or from the Kremlin propaganda mill, I would not have been surprised. But coming from the eminent Oxford scholar, Senator Fulbright, it is hard to swallow.

Has the naked truth fallen into such a state of disrepute in the world of statesmen that a public discussion of the advantages of a particular lie is deemed a proper subject for television discussion?

In reply to a question the Senate foreign relations leader contended it might have been better to have held that the U-2 was "stolen by the Russians."

Pondering the matter further, he wondered if it would not have been better to put all the blame on Allen W. Dulles, head of Central Intelligence Agency. This, as he weighed it, might have been better than Ike's blurring out that he was responsible.

"Throughout history no chief of state has assumed the responsibility for espionage," he said.

This could be because a U-2 was never really stolen, and

never was a chief of state before who was as honest as Dwight D. Eisenhower.

From a national standpoint and the confidence with which U. S. officials' statements are regarded around the world, it is far better to come right out with it than to indulge in bizarre stories such as the State Department started out with.

I believe there are quite a number of Americans who still have a genuine admiration for the plain unvarnished

I also believe Mr. Khrushchev would be profited greatly if we had attempted to put out phony claims when he had Mr. Francis Gary Powers as an honorary guest.

The blunt Eisenhower rebuke left him close to apoplexy.

For the first time I am giving Senator Fulbright, the shining Phi Beta Kappa and Oxford celebrity, a dismal F.

He certainly should know better than publicly to wonder if this is advisable.

And I suggest he confine all such thoughts in the future to the privacy of his shower.